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In re Application of  
Manuel Viamonte, Jr.  
Serial No.: 10/815,779  
Filed: July 13, 2004

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This is in response to applicant's petition filed July 13, 2004, to make the above-identified application special under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.102(c), based on the age of the applicant.

Applicant has satisfied the provisions set forth in M.P.E.P. 708.02, section IV, by the statement submitted. Therefore the petition is **GRANTED**.

**The application will be forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.**

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